

"Without danger, we cannot get beyond danger"

THE PAPER OF RECORD

Previously Hot Blanket

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I HEUER KNEW

It's firmly spring. The mighty Woonasquatucket river that runs under the Mothers News office is running high and fast, but not really, just higher and faster than usual. The other day I saw a mighty heron (possibly a stork) dipping its feet in the river and (later) a mouse (in my room). Contrast this with the hawk I saw last fall on the driveway, the one that tried to drop a rat on me, and the opossum I saw last winter outside the Church of the master, clutching and furidusly licking a can of Arizona iced tea. Ugh!

WHEN IS IT?

It's May, the second verb-month of the year, a verb that means to have permission to, to indicate possibility or probability, or in an auxiliary function to express a wish or desire (especially in wish prayer, or benediction). May is the fifth month, and five is the number of human ability- the hand has five fingers in the same way that the body is a five-petalled flower - one split in two, then split in two again, with actuator nub. This nub is a physical embodiment of the "quintessence" or "fifth element"- the elusive element (spirit) that completes the traditional four (water, air, fire, and earth), each one extending perpendicular to all others. "See my fingers / see my thumb / see my fist / you'd better run".



May is known for flowers, whose effects are at their greatest display to allergy sufferers. The Mayflower was the ship that brought the English pilgrims to North America, and while it's tempting to draw an allergen analogy, the truth is that allergies are more about your body reacting to things that aren't actually harmful. The Mayflower - may flower connection is more about a maniacal desire to seed, blown by any available wind or force.

HOLIDAYS IN MAY

Ok, there are holidays in May, but May Day happens May 1st, and it's totally crazy, so basically it crowds out all other official holidays, because the holiday field is too strong. May Day is on the exact opposite side of the yearcoin from Halloween, and is similarly a cool wild crazy time when you wake people up by partying. The difference is that it happens during the day, and instead of wearing orange (the shadowed color of Eros, or "anything anytime" in handkercheif cruiser code) you wear red (the undisguised emblem of lust, or... uh... [HANKY CODE REDACTED]). Traditional May Day activities include nude jogging, jumping off bridges, and dancing madly- holding sprigs and turning sommersaults around a crowned pole bedecked in flowers, sparkles, and miscellaneous bangles. May 1st is also International Workers Day, when we celebrate the worker and denigrate the contemptible bossman. In 1958 then-president Eisenhower declared May 1st to be "Law Day" in America, when we "reflect on the role of law in the foundation of the country and to recognize its importance for society". second sunday of May (this year that's the 13th), but that's basically the hangover brunch from May Day (same feeling of respect for the awesome powers of creation, but during brunch).

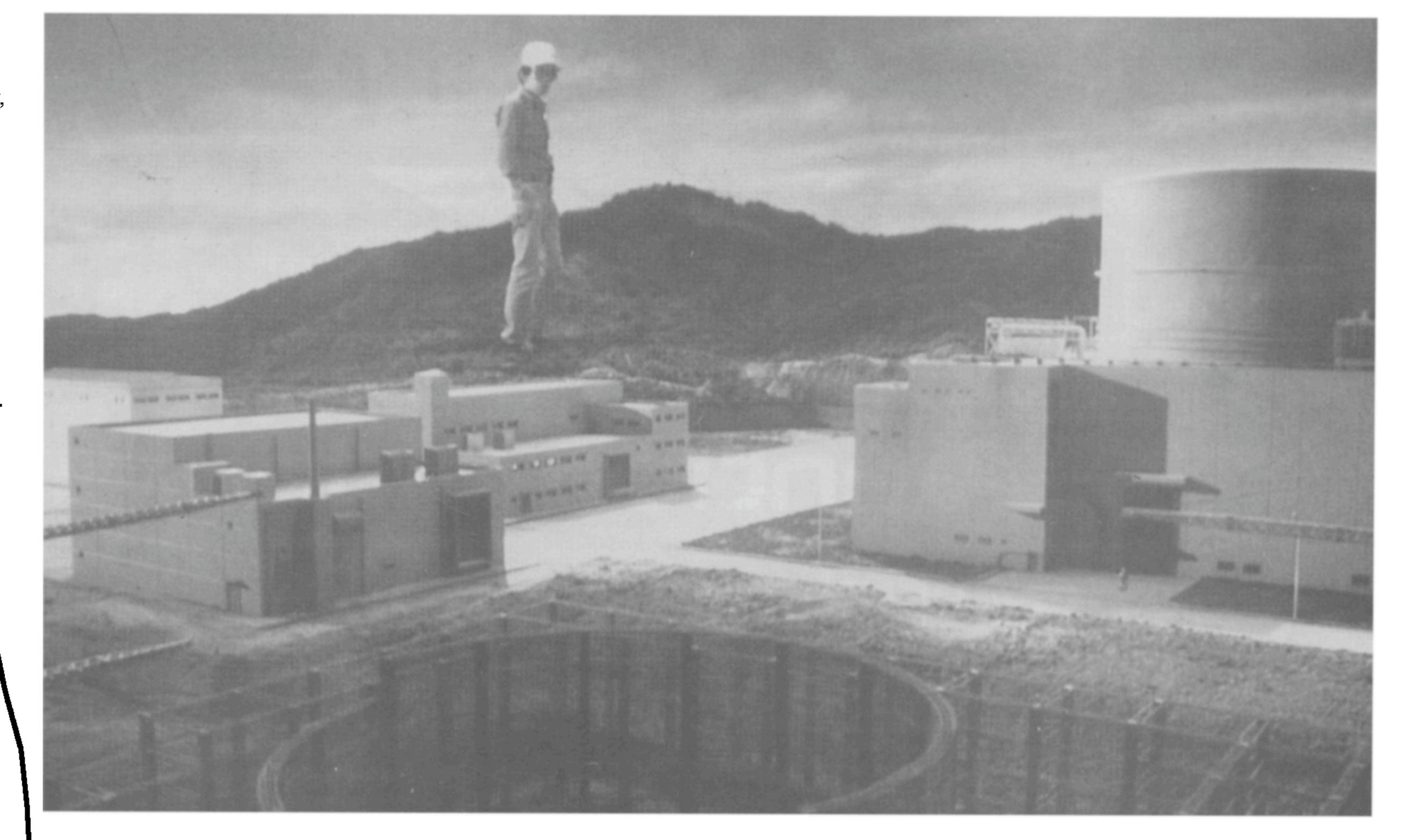


OF COURSE

Of course just because there's only one "official" holiday in May, that doesn't mean it's the only holiday-- there are an infinite many holidays in may, in that every living day is holy in about an infinite amount of way. Our correspondant Kate Schapira brought to our attention two floating holidays that are available to any person by decision throughout the year, and now is as good a time as any to talk about them.

The first is a Templeton Holiday, named after the rat in the book "Charlotte's Web". The rat is a vain, ignoble, and cheating beast, not without it's charm, and with a common nature worth honoring. In the words of the poet, "he's honest, but you gotta watch him". In Charlotte's Web, Templeton is a rat much in keeping with type, who is nonetheless tasked with an important mission that takes him into a state fair, where fried food garbage is available in such quantity that he feasts to the very edge of his capacity, and becomes disgusted. So "a Templeton Holiday" is a willing engagement with vice, a purposeful rule-lessness in which candy is had for dinner and we go to bed whenever, and afterwards we're like "No candy for dinner anymore" matched with "I'm tired at an appropriate time". Try this with children, it's hilarious, then fun, then mega annoying, then rich in a lasting way. Paleo-exercise buffs may see a kinship between the templeton holiday and the "Cheat Day"- a regular day in which your diet or exercise regimen is over-relaxed, so your body never gets used to the ruleset and continues fighting. It's a rare (?) alignment of what you want to do, what you're going to do, and what's best for you anyway.

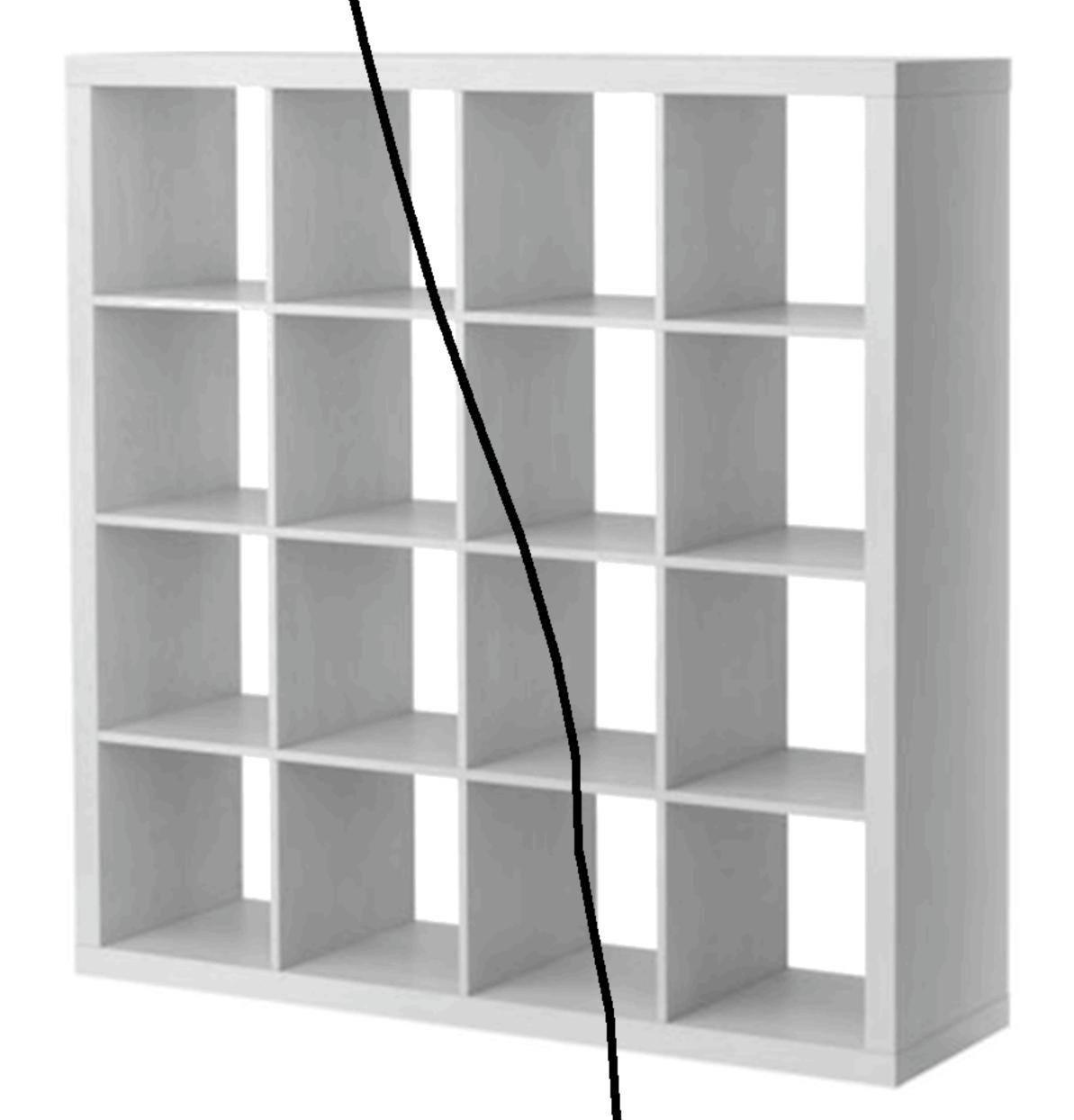
The second free-floating holiday organ is an Alligator Holiday, named after the book of the same name. In an Alligator Holiday, "No one tells an alligator what to do". Very nice!

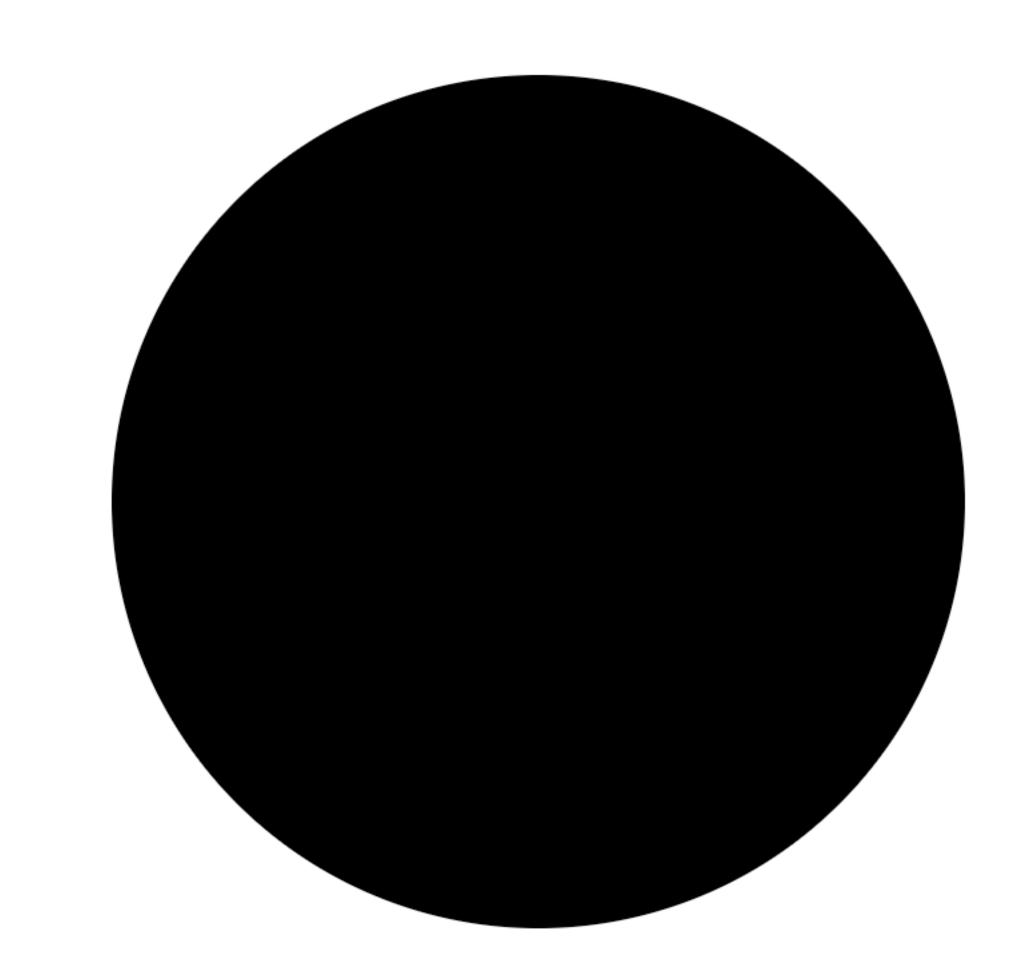


SCENE REPORT

Well, it's been a good spring so far back here in trash alley-so far (knock wood) no major altercations with scumbags and/ or cops. The number one most popular trash seems to remain mattresses, we got a couple back here in no threat of being leared away. Last year whoever kept dumping mattresses had the sense to pile them all in one spot-this year they're all over the damn place in a sprawling archipelago. In only one spot do the mattresses even overlap, with half a mattress up on another. On three occasions I've left the house to find a majorly wasted santa-looking dude asleep on one of the mattresses but he always picks the overlapping one, not one of the pnes that lies flat. Is he a monk, dedicated to discomfort for religious purposes? Unclear. He had a yellow Sony sports walkman on, so if monks are allowed to have those, then the answer is still maybe. My understanding of monks is that they maintain their rights to folly and hubris, just in their own low volume way... One of the mattresses has a banana peel on it that I watched turn brown then black then hard then real tiny.

Another curious trash trend is medium piles of fairly small sticks which there is currently three distinct and noncontiguous piles of. Piles of sticks is the weirdest dump-style because isn't that just nature? There are also two big wooden stumps It's so weird to import forest trash into the city! Maybe t's elves... PF (codename "Shit Police") caught some of the stick dumpers and said that when confronted they just laughed and smiled and mumbled and waved-- pretty much sounds like elves. This comment might bite me in the ass, but it's cool that forest spirits are on the offense (and can drive trucks). I guess entropy is a two-way street after all, or maybe more like a wide alley. Or an open field (with a window). Oh speaking of notched access to a void, that big old safe is still there but a **l**ecent phenomenon is people from the gym across the way coming over with sledge hammers and smashing the shit out of it while their coach is like "COME ON! DO IT! SMASH THE SHIT OUT OF THAT THING!". They put a goodly-sized hole in it and you know what was inside? Nothing. I mean, the only thing in there was the information "Nothing In The Safe". There's also a lot of pressboard furniture in various states of being smashed, but my experience is that after a few rains that stuff just turns back into wood mash and becomes the ground again, plus glue. Oh, and there's a pink and blue non-regulation soccer ball, but I don't think that was dumped back here, I think that just rolled over from somewhere else of its own volition.





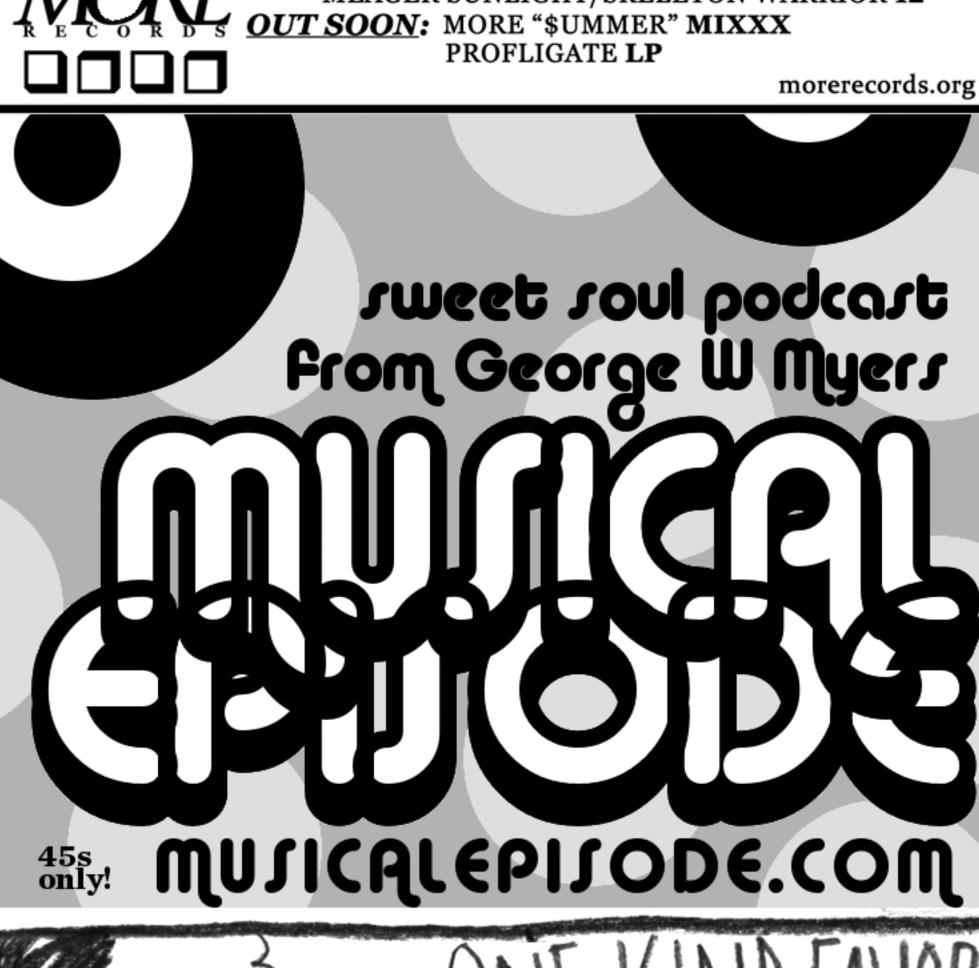


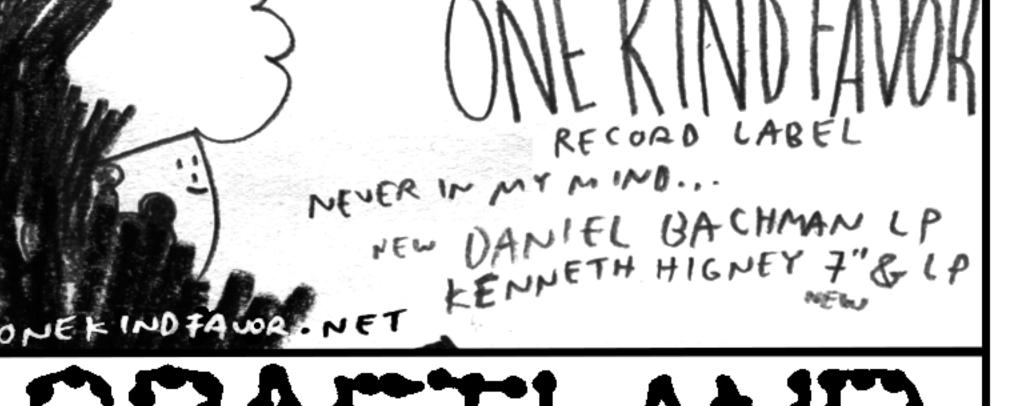


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"The Cupertino Effect" is a phrase used to describe errors introduced into a document by automatic spellcheckers. It can also be expanded to describe autocorrection discrepancies in cell phone text environments.

This term refers to the fact that the unhyphenated English word "cooperation" was often changed to "Cupertino" by older spellcheckers with dictionaries containing only the hyphenated variant, "co-operation". Cupertino is the home of Apple Inc., and thus would be in most computer spelling dictionaries. Some examples (or "cupertinos") using this initial slip (from the archives of the EU Translator's Association) include:

> "the Cupertino with our Italian comrades proved to be very fruitful. (NATO Stabilization Force," Atlas raises the world," 14 May 2003)

and

"Could you tell us how far such policy can go under the euro zone, and specifically where the limits of this Cupertino would be?" (European Central Bank press conference, 3 Nov. 1998)

To create a true cupertino, the software must present of suggest the incorrect answer instead of or before the correct answer. Other common word-processing cupertinos (vetted for poetry) include "defiantly" for "definately" (misspelling of "definitely"), and "aquatinted" for "aquainted" (misspelling of "acquainted").

> Predictive text on cell phones produces a specific sort of cupertino alternately called a "textonym". For instance, using a predictive text algorithm like T9, the number pads that spell out "good" also correspond to "home", "gone", "hoof", "goof", "hood", etc.. And everyone who had a phone in the t9 era has sent or received a text that accidentally or on purpose says "book" instead of "cool", and also has thought "I'm going to start saying 'book' for 'cool' from now on", and then doesn't. Touchscreen users with predictive text enabled have an entirely other method of error correction which looks to neighboring keys you may have intended to hit as possible input sources, and then runs through a word frequency list to determine what you are probably trying to type. As a result the cupertinos can stray farther and farther from the intended word, while looking less and less like a typo or mistake. Recently I tried to text Tommy a message including the string "heavy hitters"- autocorrect suggested "heavy futures", "heavy jitters", "heavy budgets", "heavy girders", "heavy hooters", "heavy boogers", and "heavy hours".

> This cell phone variant of the cupertino has the benefit of being limited purely to methods of communication (rather than methods of record keeping), being nearly impossible to decipher, and happening in near-real time. As a result, these slips will never enter the lexicon the way other common transmission errors (like "for all intensive purposes") have-they will always be noise, never signal. And as predictive text algorithms get stronger, with the ability (and predilection) to transform any input stream into a plausible English sentence or phrase, it will become harder and harder to determine what is a mistake, and what is just an oblique sentiment. Rather than being seen as a curse, source of embarrassment, or sudden veil of nonsense, the cupertino can be viewed as an involuntary interjection of poetry or divination, a gloss in meaning that allows for a new revelation, or a reminder of how actively and intricately our own brains filter reality, and how easily those filters could crumble, gnarl, misalign, overact, or be unseated.

MUTHERS TOPTEN

'in no order"

I. Packets - Collecting packets, exchanging packets, injecting packets... any way to engage in packets, I like.

2. "He's a little guy, with red shoes" - at the Tracey Trance show, the band before him was loud and jaggy. In a sudden silence we all heard someone still yelling over the non-noise "HE'S A LITTLE GUY, WITH RED SHOES". Tracey up next and sure as shit, he's a little guy, with red shoes. Great set, he's like a spirit of hanging out in the sun. What Russian Tsarlag is to the night, goo, and lurking, Tracey Trance is to the day, smoke/dew, and hanging.

3. Nace / Flaherty LP

4. TCB.mid - Robert Pickle got it started, now a mess of people in town have switched out their ringtone to "Taking Care of Business". Very good feeling! If you want the midi version it's at rf5.org/TCB.mid . And if you want to take the TCB oath (as written by Elvis Aaron Presley) it's as follows:

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• Freedom from constipation.

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Elvis Presley 8th Applying all techniques into one.

5. The decorative arts - I hot glued tiny plastic dinosaurs to my record player cover, now I can't put important papers and coffee cups there, and I can always access the record player without making it å production. It's like a skate stopper or pidgeon spike but for important papers and coffee cups.

6. Magnets

7. Remembering

8. Almond flavor - The other day I forgot the word for almond and actually said "those nuts that are almond-shaped". I don't like almonds, but I like their flavor-it's insane that all levels of my mind agree on this, even the part that deals with lexical semantic processing (the middle temporal gyrus)

9. Humblebees tape - available for download at http://remoteoutposts.blogspot.com/ . Members of Black Rainbow, Terribles, and Phone Book. Perfect stupid music that says "baby" and "yeah" and then everything else is just cartilage. 2005 limited edition of 3, now 2012 edition of effectively infinite. German reissue on 7" inevitable.

10. "Who are you?" "I'm fine, thanks, who are you?" - Like all comedy (or literature, or anything) there are moments (and they are constant) in which the Marx brothers are eternal, illuminating, mystical, and descriptive.







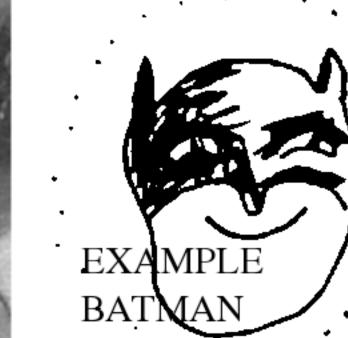
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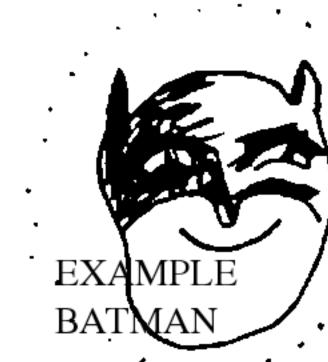
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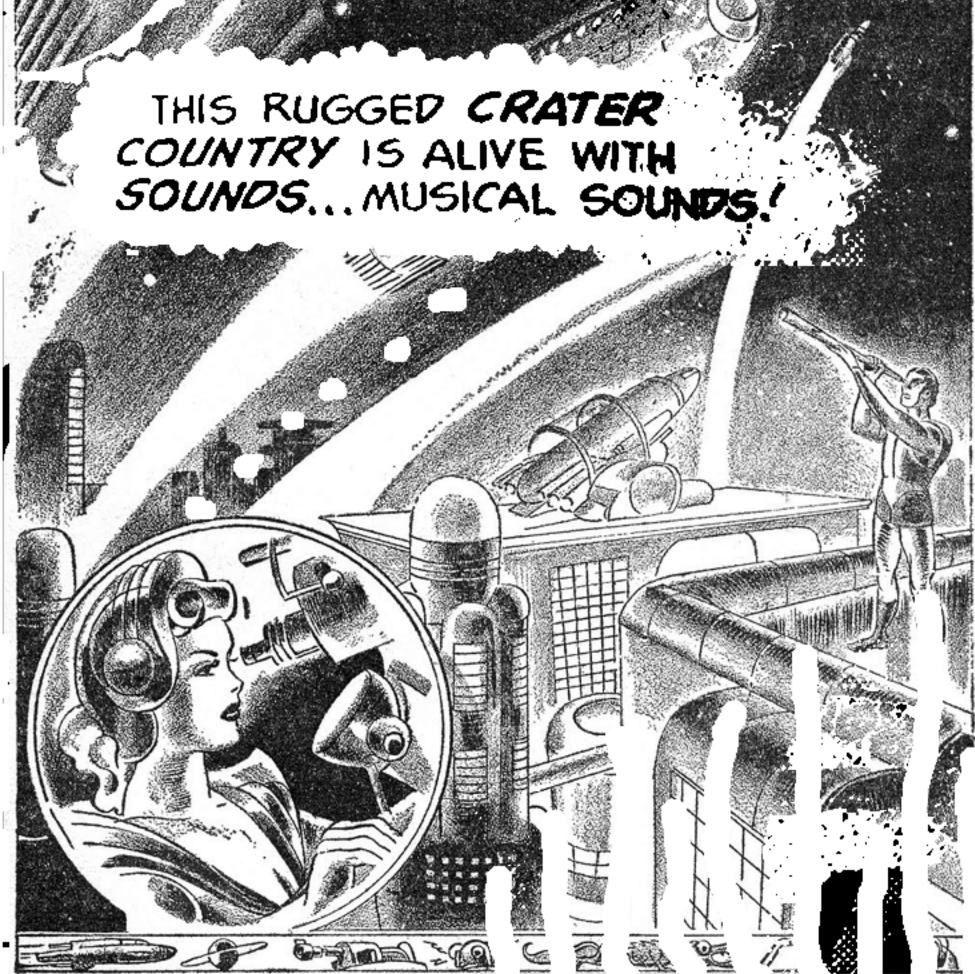


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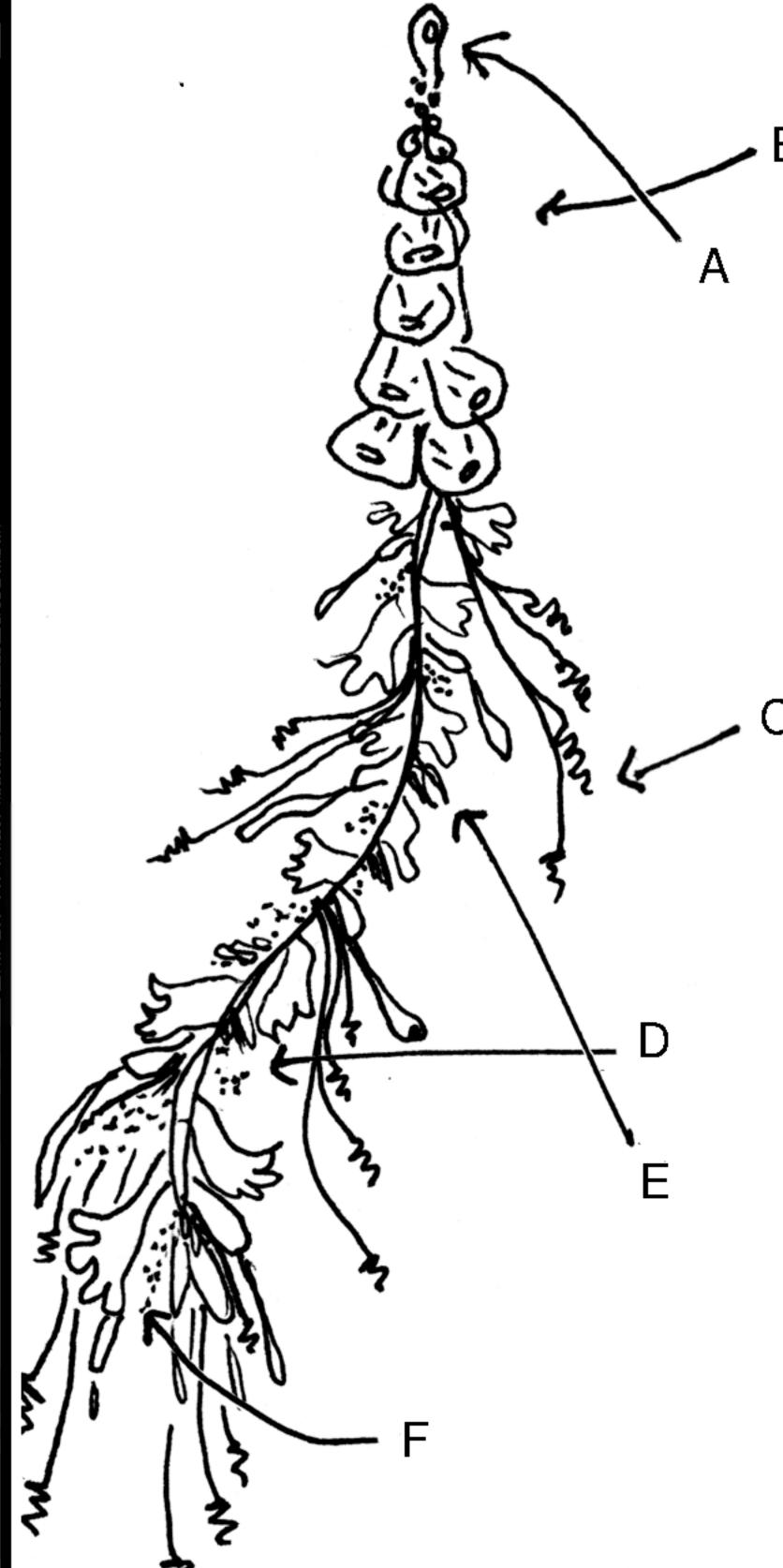
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(a siphonophore)



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A colony of jellyfish, all from the same mother.

A. one jelly to float

B. a twist of jellies to jet water around

then a string of jellies in a repeated pattern to:

C. kill and eat (fish, shrimps)

D. bang (male)

E. bang (female) F. protect the others.

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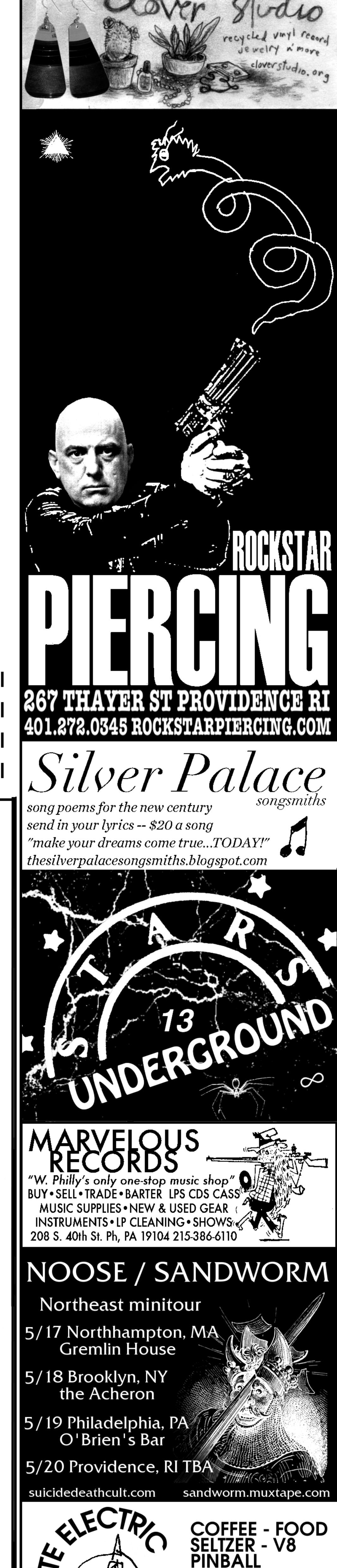
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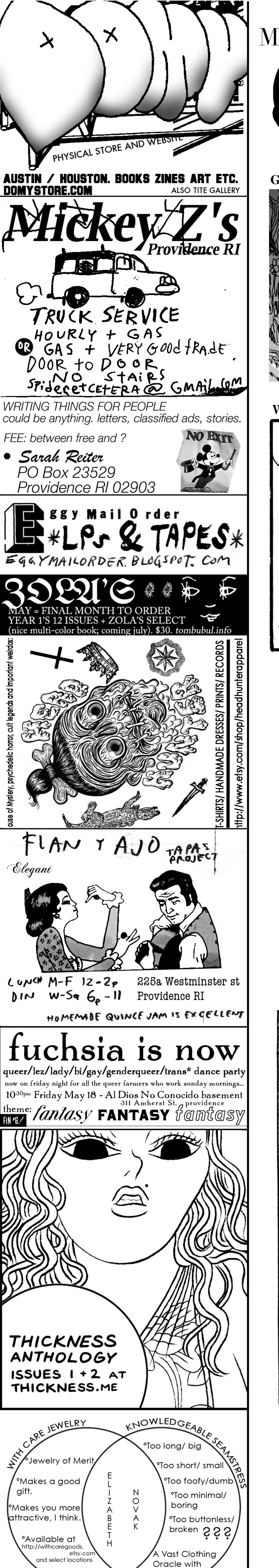
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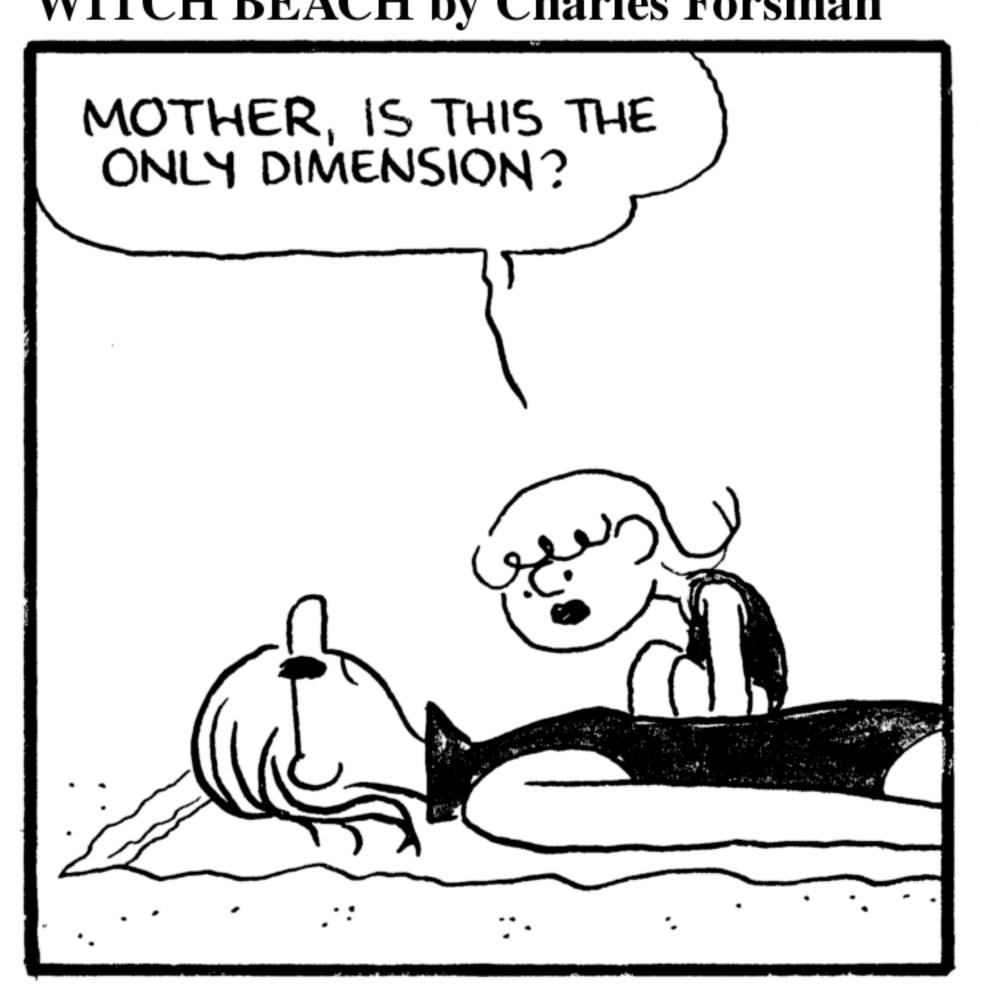
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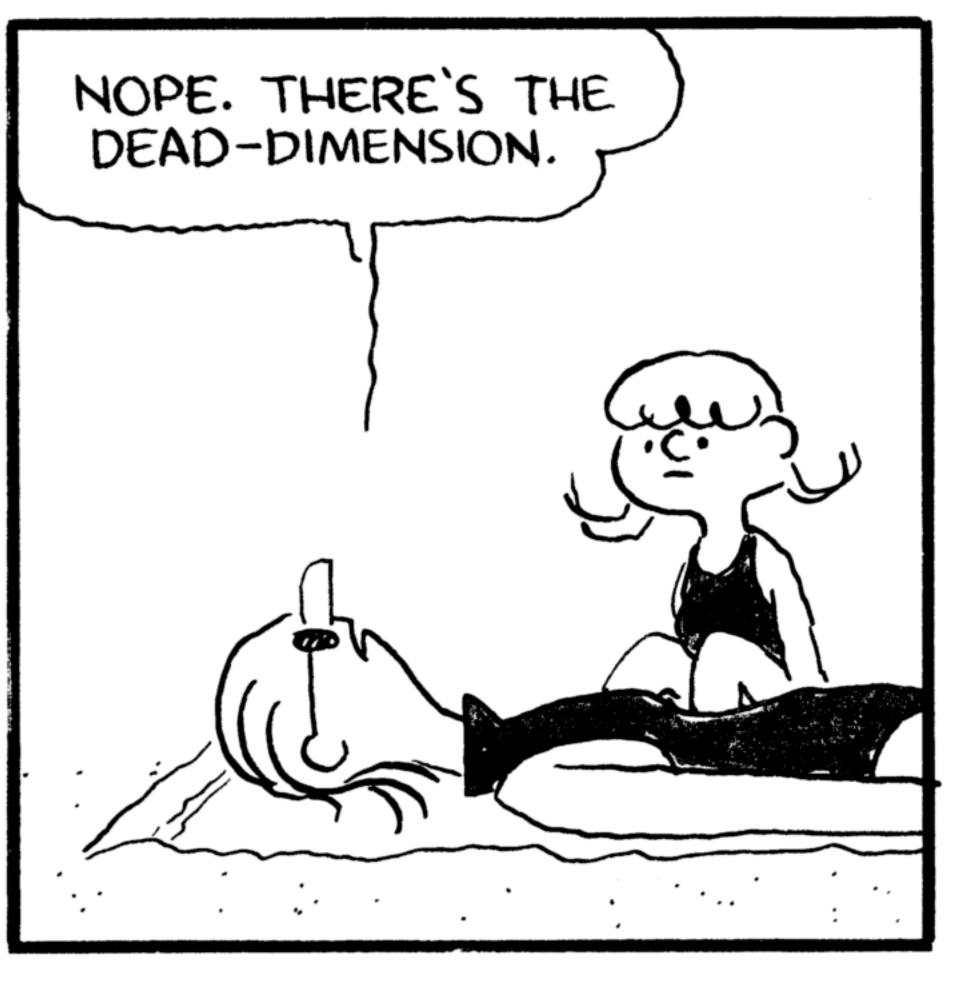


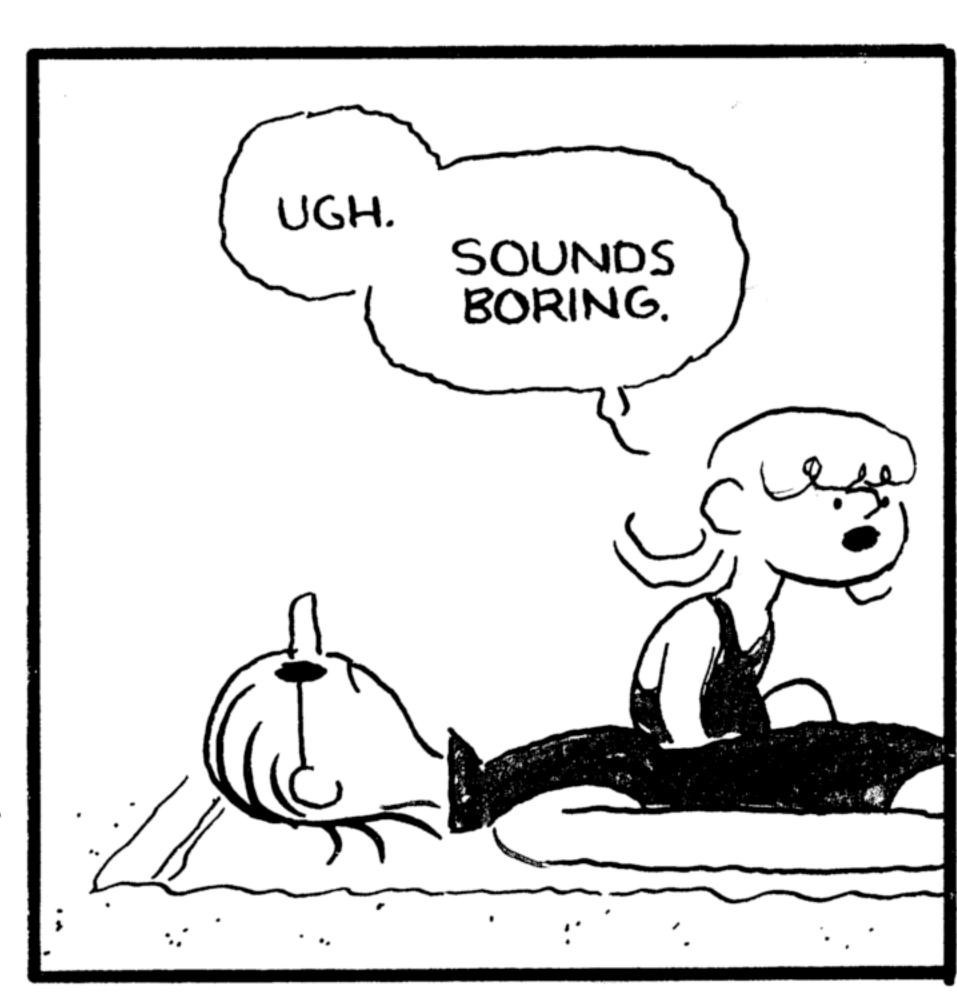
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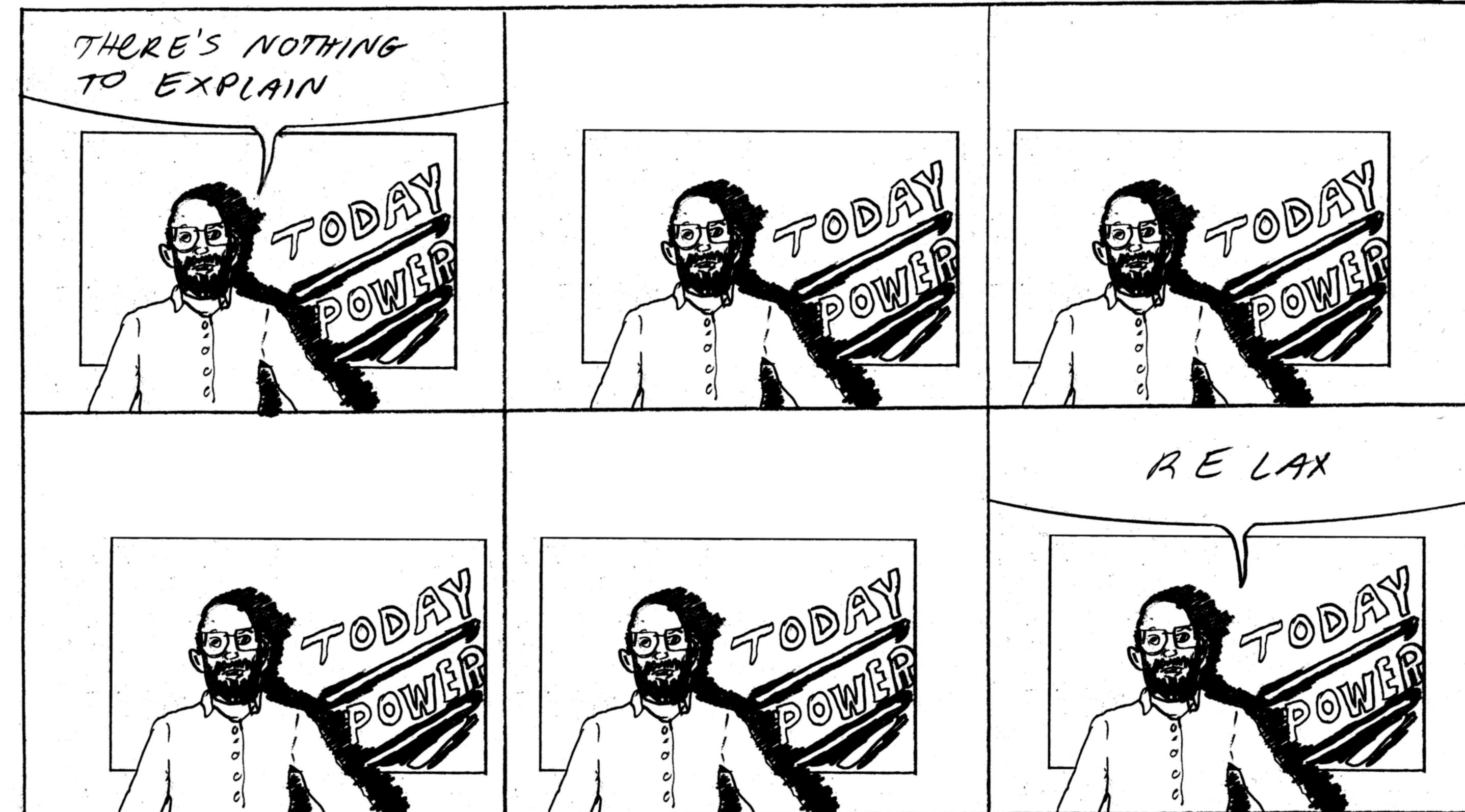


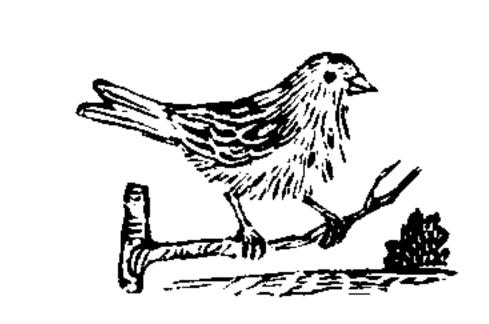






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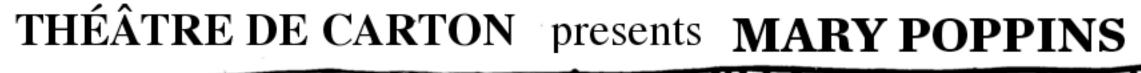














THE SAINT by Kate Schapira

Sometimes things are even

more beautiful inside than

outside, and they are so

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Lined and all that,

but if there's only a crenellated exterior so that some folds appear to be inside but are really outside, the source of pain is itself soft

but are really outside, the source of pain is itself soft. Picture an anemone in a stony house. Boys call their parents' attention to this glass opening, that glimpse.

However they turn, the pale floats expect them.
Living among stinging cells, brush them by habit.
Contact reads as invasion; the mirror is round. Are you one?

THE SAINT OF INVASIVE SPECIES

by Charlotte DeSedouy

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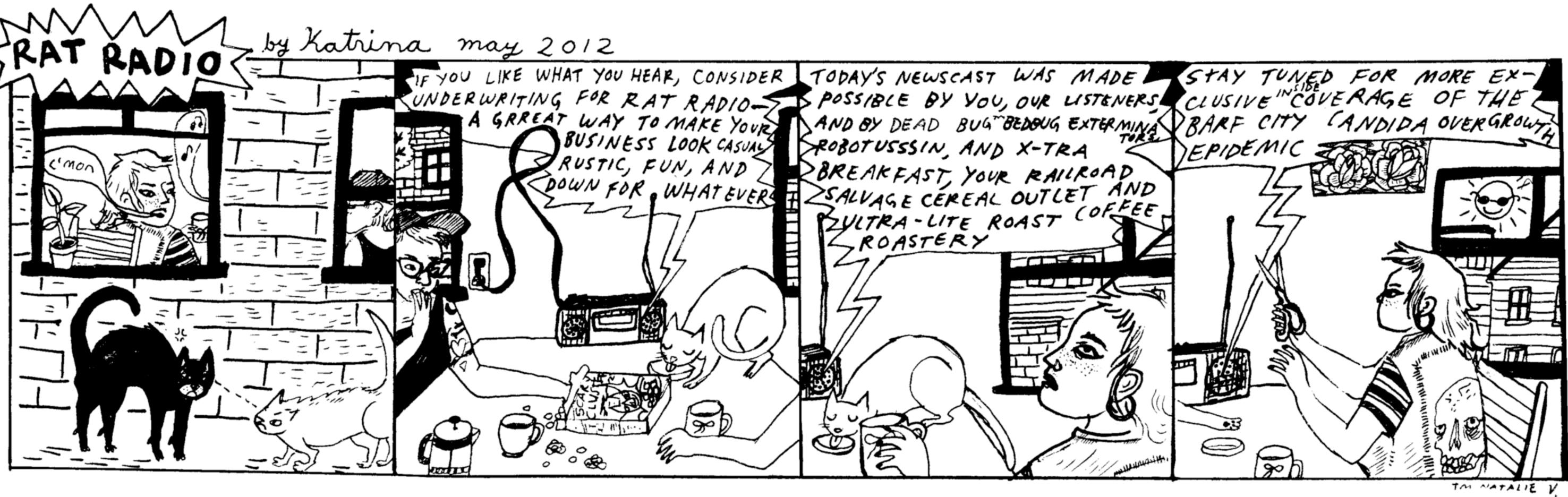


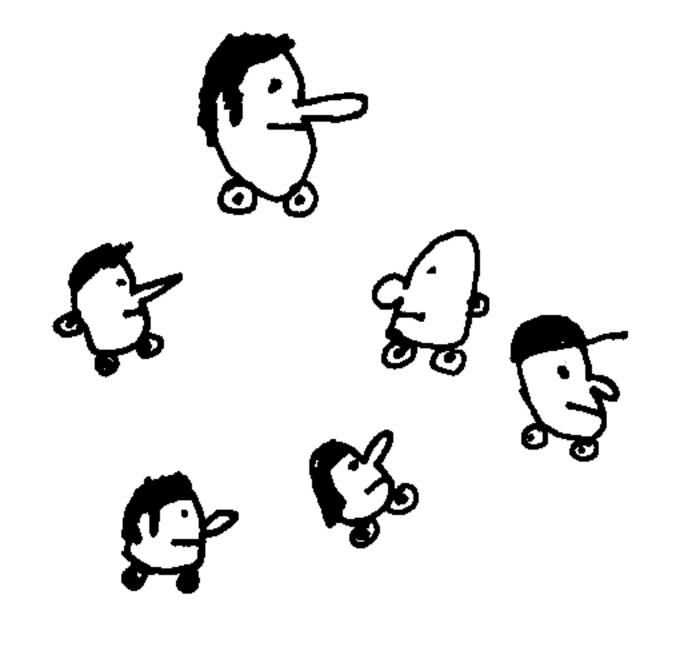


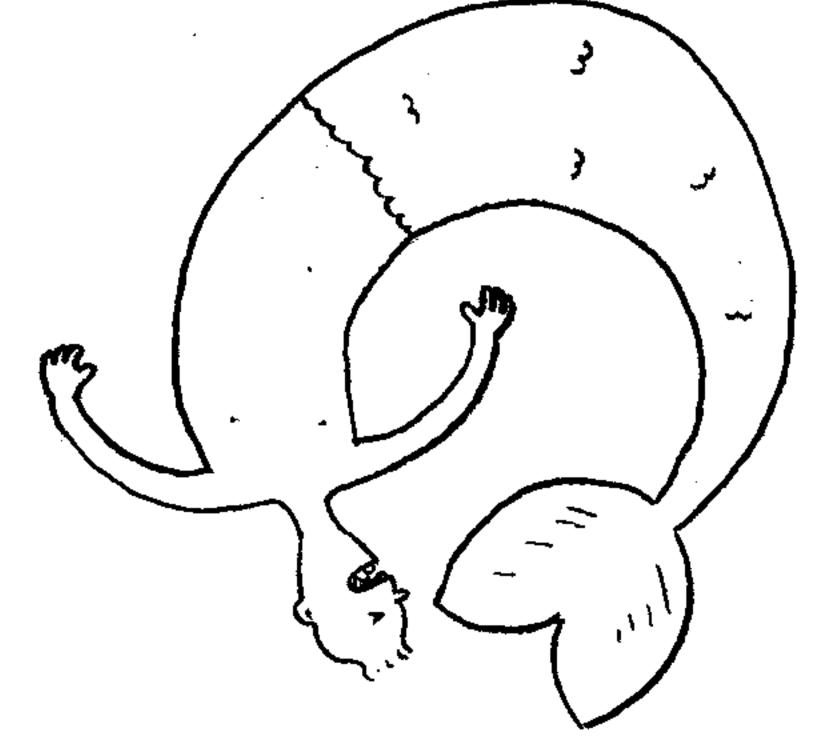
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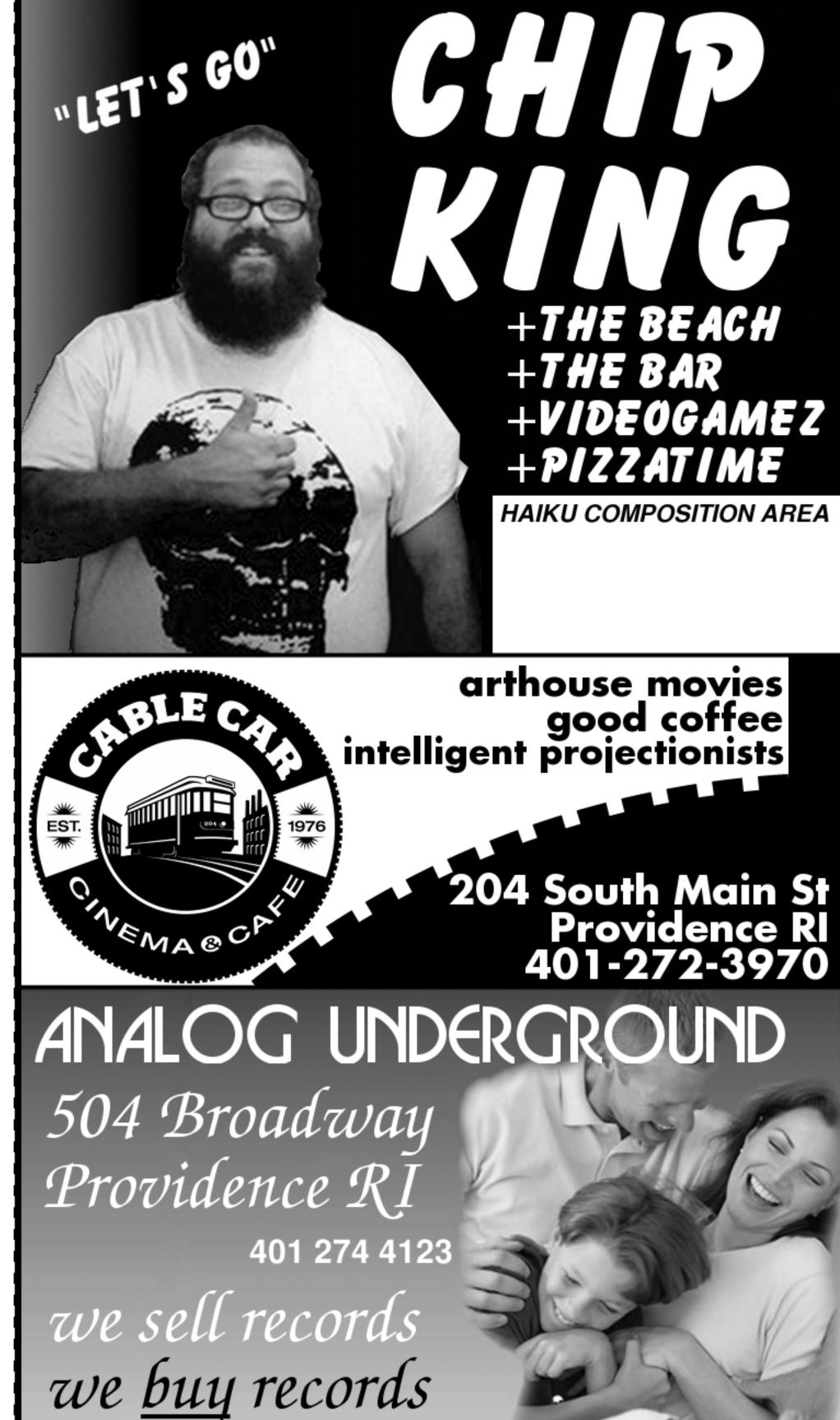








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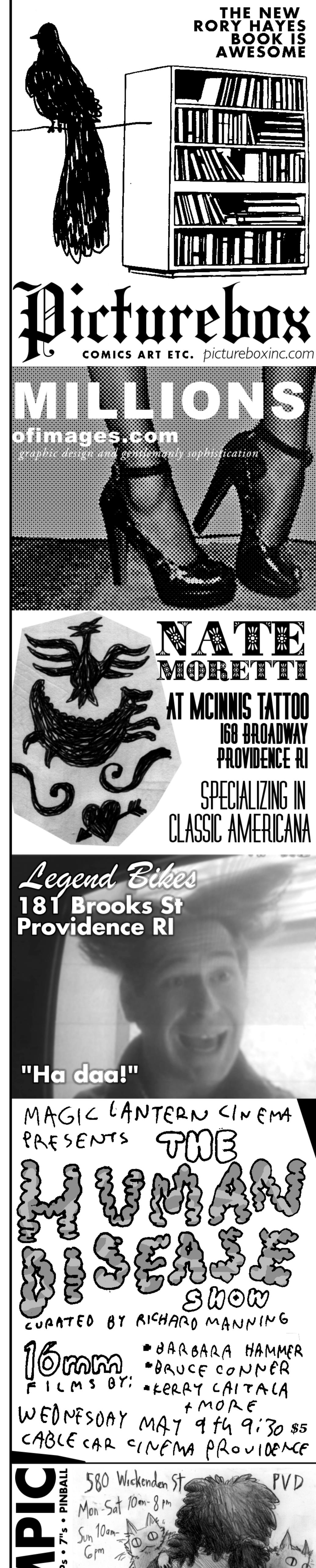
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GOSSIP SECTION by Josephine Mendes

Yyyyyeoooooohhhh how's it going EVERYONE? Much love to everyone who came out to my book signing at CLARE'S two weeks ago! Total disrespect to the management of CLARE'S who called security- NOT COOL! Dude, you know who I haven't seen in a DOG'S AGE (that's 7 Human Ages)? JONES CHANDLER! Finally caught up with that mug a week ago, he says he's been around but he's been eating so much cinnamon that he turned invisible!(?). Seems dubious but then I truly believe that you can slightly deter someone from physically noticing you by aggressively not thinking about them (which is tough to do) so maybe the cinnamon thing is also. I mean it also is. It's also true. Question mark. GEEEEEZ what else? Oh he said he was in Philadelphia lately but won't say what for, and knowing dude I can say it was most likely not for nothing and it's driving me crazy! Philadelphlords and phladies, did you see a sudden medium-style human in the past few, possibly wearing or holding sunglasses, with kind of a counter clockwise, Sunday approach? Likely activities include being around (sometimes), putting hand to face, and wearing shorts too early in the year. May have appeared in feminine aspect. Write to Josephine Mendes c/o this newspaper's mail (or e-) address-- best report from really anywhere in the mid-Atlantic re: Possibly Jones Chandler gets some manner of prize (?). Ayyyyyyy what else... A recent fetish-themed underground dance party got filibustered by a passing DJ from a legit venue- he played contemporary hip hop and dance hits for HOURS, leaving partygoers befuddled. He did not repeat DID NOT play "Goodbye Horses"- Olneyville residents be on alert. Hey MICKEY ZICKY selfreports that she rolled 3750 on one roll of Hot Dice, which I would believe because she's morally mostly too whatever about stuff to usually lie. Beat that! MZ's got a new issue of her cnfusing periodicl RAV (#6) due this June, if you like comics involving a dice obsession, I guess this is the only game in town. Hey speaking of people who are true children of god, CHIP KING has been in North Crolina for the past couple of months, so let's face facts, he moved there. Rent is like whatever and the weather is not a problem, ever. Boo hoo to everyone including me not living near CHIP. I asked him what was up and he said "I got scramble with friends for android using market unlocker and CANADIAN android market. What the fuck is going on???" Haha, beats me dude, you lost me right after "got" and I did not resume until just before "is". Buuut I think this means "not much". He'll be back in Barf City this month I think, so keep your eyes open. CHAR GLAUBERMAN seen taking 3 quarters from a fountain en route to SevLev, ahhhhh I could NOT believe it, how decadent... Her rationale was that maybe 3 people had a wish to make her happy, in this case with the purchase of a Charleston Chew. I said fair enough, but isn't this reasoning invalidated by the fact that a Charleston Chew is \$1.09 and I had to cover the remaining 34¢? Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I ask you... In other news... JACKIE H CURTISS is working on a new painting series that's a video of a human drinking a Diet Pepsi in a shared workspace environment. Gallerists: send no money (NB- this is code for "send way more money later for a long period of time"). Speaking of Art, I have insider information that anyone who works for famous gallerist MARY BOONE and brings lasagna in the building gets FIRED! Zero tolerance lasagna policy, that's insane. Angel hair, linguine, all that shit is fine. Lasanga, fired. You remember Mary Boone, she was Parker Posey in the Basquiat movie... 100% true... Hey Barf City Mayor ROBERT PICKLE got his front tooth fixed in Mexico recently, it was a year gone I think. Anyway now we can resume blacking out our front teeth for comedy purposes without feeling over-weird about it... Hey everyone give lots of love (LOL) to JESSLYN LAVIOLENT, because she's growing in her real eyebrows for the first time in 10 years, and it's freaking her out. Friends, don't keep talking about eyebrows around her, but also, don't avoid talking about eyebrows, God, it's not a big deal... ATTN: Broadway residents- if you see DAN TALBOT booking it down the street, DON'T WORRY- he does that for exercise and does not need a ride to a bus or help catching an sunglasses theif or help evading a recent and former sunglasses-owner, ditto CYBELE COLLINS- strictly exercise. Actual distress will be signified by arm waving. Yoooooo it occured to me that for people who don't EVER know any of the famous people I ever mention, this gossip section might be whatever SO IF if you don't know anyone (or not enough people) in this gossip section, and things like that matter to you, please feel free to pretend that I'm just using super-oblique nicknames for people that you do know. They probably did something similar to the gossip listed, or if not, they probably will soon, it's a crazy world, no one would begrudge me that. See also "I'm Dealing In Archetypes". See also "It Doesn't Matter". Also... GOOD LUCK!

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